

## St. Mary's Church, Laurel



## St. Anne's Church, Dixon



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**Parish Council Presidents:**  
**St. Mary's – Gene Ohlrich**  
**St. Anne's – Martey Stewart**

**Sacrament of Baptism** –Please call the rectory to make arrangements for baptism. Pre-Baptism class is required for the first child.

**Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation** – A half hour before 8 am Mass or after 10 am Mass or by appt.

**Sacrament of Marriage** –Please contact the priest at least twelve months prior to setting a date.

**Sick Calls** -Please contact the rectory if you are going to be hospitalized or are aware of someone who is homebound. It is important that Holy Communion be available on Sundays for the sick or infirmed.

**Holy Orders:** Those discerning a call to the Priesthood should contact Father Jerry or Rev. Andrew J. Roza, Vocation Director, at (402) 558-3100.

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## September 8, 2019

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Readings for the Week

**Sep 9** – Colossians 1:24 – 2:3 ● Luke 6:6-11 ● Psalms 62:6-7, 9

**Sep 10** – Colossians 2:6-15 ● Luke 6:12-19 ● Psalms 145:1-2, 8--11

**Sep 11** – Colossians 3:1-11 ● Luke 6:20-26 ● Psalms 145:2-3, 10-13

**Sep 12** – Colossians 3:12-17 ● Luke 6:27-38 ● Psalms 150:1-6

**Sep 13** – 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 ● Luke 6:39-42 ● Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11

**Sep 14** – Numbers 21:4-9 ● John 3:13-17 ● Psalms 78:1-2, 34-38

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### Practice of Hope

❖ Consider strengthening your relationship with God through more frequent daily prayer, Mass, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. ❖

❖ Look for ways to become more involved in your parish community. ❖

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Mon.	Sep 9			No Mass
Tues.	Sep 10	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of our Parish
Wed.	Sep 1	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Living and Deceased of Anthony & Rita Koch Family
Thurs.	Sep 12	8:00 AM	St. Mary's	Special Intention of Jonas Family
Fri.	Sep 13			No Mass
Sat.	Sep 14			No Mass
Sun.	Sep 15	8:00 AM	St. Anne's	† Norbert Dickes
Sun.	Sep 15	10:00 AM	St. Mary's	People of our Parish

**LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>September 15</b>
<b>Parish</b>	<b>St. Anne's</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>EMHC:</b>	<b>Ray Kneifl</b>	<b>Shirley Haahr and Sharon Asbra</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Martey Stewart</b>	<b>Susan Kvols</b>
<b>Plate:</b>	<b>Ray Brentlinger</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>Taylor, Dylan, and Miley Boyle</b>	<b>Brock Koranda, Erica Wolfgram and Macie Swanson</b>
<b>Music:</b>	<b>Donna Kraft/Mandy Boyle</b>	<b>Shirley Rasmussen</b>
<b>Gifts/Greeters:</b>	<b>Kathy Wilmes</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Rosary Leader:</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Dwayne Freeman</b>

**UPCOMING LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

**St. Anne's: Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 8:00 a.m.:** EMHC: Mary Johnson, Lector: Dave Podany, Plate: Craig Boyle, Servers: Seamus O'Keefe, Music: Sharon Kneifl/Pat Brentlinger, Gift/Greeter: Brent and Michelle Albers

**St. Mary's: Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 10:00 a.m.:** EMHC: Mark Koch and Lois Urwiler, Lector: Mike Mainz, Servers: Chelsea Potts, Addison Hoepfner, and Laney Folkers, Music: Shirley Rasmussen, Rosary Leader: Leon May

**Mass Times at St. Mary's – Wayne**

- Monday 5:15 pm
- Tuesday 8:15 am
- Wednesday 5:15 pm
- Thursday 9:00 pm
- Friday 8:15 am
- Saturday at 6:00 pm
- Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

**ATTENTION:** For bulletin information, please email Donna Kraft at [stmam3303@yahoo.com](mailto:stmam3303@yahoo.com) or call bulletin information to 256-3019 (please leave message on answering machine) or contact Fr. Jerry by calling the rectory (256-3303), mail to PO Box 828, Laurel. **Bulletin information should be to the office by Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Information received after this deadline may not be included in the bulletin.**

**Office Hours for Donna Kraft at St. Mary's Office will be Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**




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**Remember in your prayers:** Members of our parishes and their families: Mary Kneifl, Don Sherry, Trent Lubberstedt, Rob & Sharon Freeman, Donna Helt, Joe Boyle, Kathy Hoelsing, Ron Harder, Ashley Schmit, Jason Stewart, Duaine Dimmitt (Barney Kuchta's nephew), Paul Shurman, Robert Taylor, Bob Winkelman, Daniel Sullivan, Don Roeder, Ron Stapleman, Wanda Jonas

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## Stewardship Report

	St. Mary's	St. Anne's	Thank You For Your Generosity!
<b>Date Collection was Taken</b>	9/1/19	9/1/19	
<b>Adult Contribution – Envelopes</b>	\$375.00	\$916.00	
<b>Loose</b>	\$31.00	\$56.50	
<b>Automatic Deposits</b>	\$180.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$586.00	\$972.50	
<b>2019</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>St. Anne's</b>	
<b>Income &amp; Expense for Sept.</b>			
<b>Actual Income</b>	\$586.00	\$972.50	
<b>Budgeted Expenses for the month</b>	\$4,950.00	\$4,350.00	
<b>+Excess/-Deficit</b>	-\$4,364.00	-\$3,377.50	

### Upcoming Events

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Parish:</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sept 9	7:00 p.m.	St. Anne's	Altar Society
Sept 11	6:45 p.m.	Both	First Night of Parish Religious Ed(PRE)
Sept 17	7:00 p.m.	Both	Joint Parish Council Meeting

### Parish Religious Education(PRE) News

**Parish Religious Ed** – the first day of Parish Religious will be on Sept. 11. Parents and students are asked to be in church by 6:45 on Sept. 11. We will be having Mass first and then we will go to the hall for registration and snacks.

**WE NEED YOU** – Parish Religious Ed is looking for a Youth Group Teacher. Please prayerfully consider helping our high school students. Please contact Donna Kraft or Mandy Boyle if you are interested or if you have questions. Thank you!

### St. Mary's Items of Interest

St. Mary's Committee Members for **September** are: Ed Reimers, Leon May, Ted Jacot, Gary Kavanaugh, and Lois Urwiler. The first person on the list is the committee leader, and should call the other members and coordinate the committee's activities and events. Coffee and Rolls are hosted monthly. Please check with a parish council (Robert Jasa or Dwayne Freeman) for date of coffee & rolls. The committee is also asked to maintain the Church grounds.

St. Mary's Committee Members for **October** are: Mari Lubberstedt, Bernie Asbra, Jim McCorkindale, and Courtney Berg.

### St. Anne's Items of Interest

**Altar Society** – St. Anne's Altar Society will meet on Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will be assembling the table favors for the OACCW Convention and we will appreciate everyone's help. Please plan to attend.

**Clean Church** – those on to clean church for September/October are: Deb Clarkson, Carol James, Donna Peterson, and Holly Sachau. Other responsibilities include serving Altar Society and also coffee and rolls.

**Bridal Showers** - St. Anne's will be having monetary bridal showers for three of our parishioners.

Zach Crom will be marrying Hope Ragon on September 27th.

Bailey Boyle will be marrying Brandon Abts on October 5th.

Holli Peterson will be marrying Kyle Knudsen on October 19th. Anyone wanting to donate to any or all of these showers, please give your monetary donation in an envelope to Mary Kuchta by September 15th, with the name of the recipient on the envelope. There will be cards for parishioners to sign in the vestibule of the church for the soon to be newlyweds.

### Information for All

**Bulletin** – If you missed Mass and want a bulletin, they are posted on St. Anne's Facebook page @StAnnesDixonNE. We also will have the bulletin on St. Mary's – Wayne website at: [www.stmaryswayne.org](http://www.stmaryswayne.org).

**Emergency Phone** – Fr. Jerry and Fr. Jeff have decided to have one phone number to call in case of emergency. So if you need a priest, you can just call 531-519-5212 and either Fr. Jerry or Fr. Jeff will answer and can help you out.

**Rosary** - As we unite our parishes Laurel, Dixon, Emerson, Pender and Wayne, we would like to invite you to pray the Rosary at each of the parishes

September 9, 16, 23 - please pray the rosary in your home for this intention

September 30- 1:00 PM Rosary in Laurel

October 7, 14, 21- please pray the rosary in your home for this intention

October 28- 1:00 PM Rosary in Dixon

Please contact Diane Gentrup at 402 369-9912 for more information.

**Cookies Needed** – we are asking a few people to sign up to make cookies for the opening day of Parish Religious Education on Sept. 11. If you would like to bake a dozen cookies, please sign the paper at the back of church. Thank you.

**95<sup>th</sup> Convention Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW)** - All Catholic Women are invited. "Seek Peace and Pursue It" Monday, September 16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Registration 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m., St. Rose of Lima Parish Center, Crofton, NE. Guest Speakers: Sr. Rosann Ocken, Missionary Benedictine Monastery, Norfolk; Linda Kerkman President, OACCW. Registration \$25 by Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration covers morning coffee/rolls and lunch. Program includes 8 a.m. Rosary, Mass with Archbishop Lucas and Archdiocesan Priests. Make check payable to RNC Deanery; mail registration to Diane Shafer, 402 E. Mosher St., Randolph NE 68771. Include name, address, phone or email, deanery and parish. For more information call Diane Shafer, 402-337-0564 or ask your guild president.

**Novena for our Nation** – Pray the 54 Day Rosary Novena for our freedom and faith in America. August 15<sup>th</sup> thru October 7, 2019. The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness. Pray for America with the faithful from across the country. Sign up to receive daily reflections straight to your email inbox. Join 1000's nationwide and attend a Rosary Coast to Coast Rally near you on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – visit our website to find or add an event. [www.rosarycoastcoast.com](http://www.rosarycoastcoast.com).

**Feed Your Faith: Sept. -- May Spiritual Enrichment Program** -- A program open to men and women who desire to deepen their relationship with God through monthly gatherings, selected readings, and a silent retreat experience. Participants will meet once a month on Saturday morning, 9:30-11:30 for prayer, a presentation on the focus topic, and group dialogue. Registration deadline is August 20. For more information go to <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program/> or contact us: [benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@mtmc.edu)/ 605-668-6292.

**Dinner and Bazaar** - St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Sunday, Sept. 8, Crofton, Neb. Serving dinner 3:00 – 7:30 p.m. Roast beef, homemade sausage, mashed potatoes, huge salad bar, pies & desserts. Call (402) 388-4393 for carry-out, available 4:30 – 6:30. Ticket prices: Adults \$12, K-6 grade \$6, Pre-K eat FREE. Plus, kids' outdoor and indoor games, bingo, and raffle drawing.

**Grieving with Great Hope** - September 3<sup>rd</sup>- October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Grieving with Great Hope is a journey for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. We recognize there are no stages to grief. Grief is as unique as your fingerprint. This journey, firmly grounded in our Catholic Faith is a 5-week workshop/support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild or friend. This workshop will be held 6:30pm to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Dining Room at St. Cecilia Cathedral 701 N. 40th Street, Omaha, Ne. Attendance is necessary for each session and seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at [jtardy@catholiccem.com](mailto:jtardy@catholiccem.com) or 402/391-3711.

**Vigil for Life** - September 14, 2019. Help build the culture of life through prayer and public witness! Join Archbishop Lucas for the Vigil for Life at 8:00am on September 14 at St. Mary Church (2302 Crawford St. Bellevue). There will be a Mass followed by exposition and a rosary procession to the Bellevue abortion facility. For more information contact Whitney Bradley at [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or 402-557-5516.

**From Darkness to Light: Finding God while Struggling with Cancer** - September 14, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Sister Ann Marie Petrylka, OSM*. Life can be filled with surprises that change us forever! As we walk through a dark tunnel of the unknown, we rely on our faith and trust in a Loving and Caring God who is ever present. God's love sustains us and brings us to the light, the hope and the joy of the Resurrection. Sr. Ann Marie will share her cancer journey in a dark tunnel and invite you to reflect on your unknown journeys that lead us to the hope and joy of the New Life of the Resurrection. Program fee: \$ 30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$ 10.76 (includes tax). Register at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

**Biospiritual Focusing: Praying with the Whole Self** - September 21, one-day retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Deborah Sheehan, M.A.* and *Jane King, M.A.* "God looked at everything he had made and found it very good" (Gen 1:31). Biospiritual Focusing is a way of opening the whole of ourselves—mind, body, and spirit—to a deeper connectedness with God, others, and self. Join us to learn more about how gently being with what is present within your embodied self can open the door to a deeper story—and to a greater sense of wholeness. This practice requires no more than a willingness to engage contemplatively with what is going on within. Program fee: \$ 30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$ 10.76 (includes tax). Register at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call (402) 352-8819.

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## *Scripture Insights – September 8<sup>th</sup>*

The cost of being a follower of Jesus is demanding. The Second Reading illustrates this in the request Paul makes of his close friend Philemon. (This is the only private letter from Paul that has survived.) Paul, in prison, asks Philemon to receive back a slave, Onesimus, who had run away. Paul had converted Onesimus to Christ and so asks Philemon to receive him back "no longer as a slave but as a brother." Paul asks Philemon to extend forgiveness.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that we do not have answers to everything. Even more so, we must recognize that we cannot understand God's mind. Only through the gift of wisdom and the Holy Spirit can we "know God's counsel."

The Gospel continues the theme of the cost of discipleship. Jesus offers a series of sayings that require a depth of commitment, for example, "Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Jesus is being provocative and demanding. His unsettling language causes us to sit up and pay attention. When he says we should "hate our family members," Jesus obviously is not to be taken literally. What we hate is what is opposed to our relationship with him. The full meaning of the First Commandment to love God above all things is fleshed out in the examples Jesus gives: neither family members, or possessions, or even's one's life can be placed above love and commitment to God. Priority must be given to our relationship with Jesus Christ.

- In the Second Reading, why do you think Paul did not condemn slavery?
- How do you reconcile the Fourth Commandment with Jesus' statement in the Gospel about hating father and mother?
- What demands does your Christian faith make on you?